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June 15, 2005

Dear Governor Jeb Bush,

June 14 was my 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday and I was driving by myself to the Florida Auto Auction of Orlando, where I was going to buy some used cars. I work with the Crown Auto Dealership Group in St. Petersburg. Approximately 2-3 miles before I got to Ocoee, I experienced a tire blow out on the Florida Turnpike.

After the tire blew, I made my way to the right side of the busy turnpike and parked the 2004 Hyundai. I got out and assessed the situation. I opened the trunk to get out the spare tire and jack. I had just got the jack out when a Florida State Trooper pulled up behind my car. The trooper got out and walked over to me and told me there are road rangers along the turnpike who could help me change the tire, but that may take awhile. He then proceeded to jack up the car and put the new spare tire on. While he was loosening the flat tire, he asked me, "Other than the flat tire, how's your day going?". I told him the good Lord always watches over me. Without stopping, he said "amen, amen..". I said, "That's right, amen." He asked me, "How long have you been saved?". I told him I was saved Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1969. I remember it well because it was the day the Lord radically changed my life.

The trooper asked me if I attended church around there, and I said no, my family and I attend Pinellas Park Wesleyan Church in Pinellas Park, FL. He told me he attended the Harvest Baptist Church in Orlando. As he finished tightening the spare and putting the jack back in the trunk, I asked him his name. He told me it was Trooper Steve Matthews.

Governor Bush, you and the State of Florida should be very proud that we have a man like Steve Matthews on our highways. As a Trooper, he practices the Golden rule: Do unto others and you would have them do to you.

I never mentioned it, but Trooper Matthews is black and I'm white. Trooper Matthews is young, but I'm 63 years old. But you know we both have the same Heavenly Father - amen.

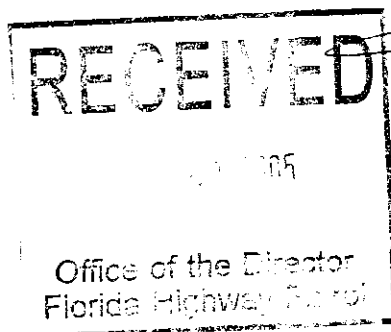
Please let all of the State of Florida Troopers know that we are very thankful for the high caliber of individuals that proudly wear the uniform of the Florida State Trooper.

Trooper Matthews, I thank you, my wife Arlene thanks you, my daughters Katie and Kirstie thank you for your kindness and your caring. I also thank my good Lord for watching over me and directing you to stop and help me on June 14, my birthday.

Thank you Governor Bush,

  
Larry D. Kincaid

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